



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, April 26, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

AC Robert Dunlap
DC Ralph Godbee
DC Marshall Lyons
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Frederick McClure
Insp. Dennis Moore
Lt. James White
Lt. Darwin Roche
Sgt. Brian Harris
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Stephanie Smith
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Steven Myles
Sgt. David Jones
Sgt. Daran Carey
Sgt. Erin Stephens-Bell
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator (ABS)
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator (ABS)
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

Media
Trish Cunningham
Ron Scott
Jeffrey Nzoma
Bernadette Telfario-Cane
Atty. Grant Ha

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:10 p.m.

Chairperson Holley acknowledged the presence of staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, April 26, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, April 19, 2007

MOTION: Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Holley read the recommendation of proposed new hire Donald F. Campbell, as Board of Police Commissioner Senior Investigator/ System Analyst.

MOTION: Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF SERGEANT ROOSEVELT TIDWELL, BADGE S-878, ASSIGNED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT

On April 14, 2007, Internal Affairs was notified of an allegation of misconduct concerning Sergeant Roosevelt Tidwell, badge S-878, assigned to the Eastern District. The allegation concerned the following conduct:

On April 14, 2007, Sergeant Tidwell, while on-duty, in full uniform and in a marked police vehicle, informed four individuals that he would take them to jail if they did not comply with his request. He had two females perform oral fellatio on two males as he illuminated the acts with his flashlight and masturbated as he watched the acts. When one of the females had to urinate, Sergeant Tidwell allowed her to urinate next to the vehicle. He illuminated and watched the female urinate. Sergeant Tidwell also ordered one female to expose her breast. He continued to watch the sexual activity until another marked scout car approached them. Sergeant Tidwell told the officers to continue moving and then he left the location.

It should be noted that prior to the incident on April 14, 2007, Sergeant Tidwell was being investigated for a similar incident which occurred on February 7, 2007. Sergeant Tidwell had compelled a male to perform oral sex on a female, under threat of jail time and a \$500.00 ticket. While the male was performing oral sex on the female, Sergeant Tidwell was fondling the female's breast. He also took her hand and placed it on top of his penis. Sergeant Tidwell compelled the female to give her phone number to him. He later called her requesting her to meet him. In another phone call, Sergeant Tidwell admitted that he had committed two prior similar acts with other people. (Both phone conversations were taped by the female.)

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Sergeant Tidwell be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

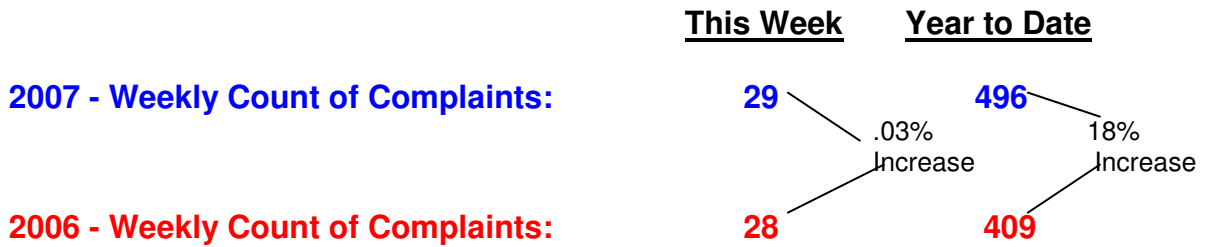
CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS; THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3 – 7.9, CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 1.

Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Sergeant Tidwell without pay, effective April 19, 2007.

Unless **contravened** by this Board, the suspension without pay shall stand.

There were no contraventions.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 255 cases for the month of March.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 7 cases to the Chief's Office for the month of March.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 2,015 active investigations, of which 496 of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	2
DEMEANOR	18
FORCE	3
ENTRY	0
HARASSMENT	0
PROCEDURE	10
PROPERTY	1
SEARCH	1
SERVICE	6

TOTAL 41

COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	11
COMM/OPS	2
SW. DIST	2
CENT. DIST	0
EAST. DIST	4
WEST. DIST.	3
NW DIST.	6
TACTICAL	0
NARCOTICS	0
ORG. CRIME	0
HOMICIDE	0

CITY CNCL UNIT 1

TOTAL 29

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of April 16, 2007 through April 22, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 70 search warrants and 27 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- **56 Felony arrests**
 - **151 Misdemeanor arrests**
 - **3 Juveniles detained**
 - **2,037.90 grams of cocaine, 58.6 grams of heroin and 9,589.10 grams of marijuana and 847 pills with a total street value:**
 - **\$ 967,466.40**
 - **\$ 61,970.00 in U.S. Currency**
- Confiscated:
- **27 Handguns**



Engaging the Community

Domestic Violence

On April 17th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 12000 block of Burt Road on a "Domestic Violence," incident. Upon arrival, officers arrested the subject and recovered two loaded shotguns. **Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was later charged with "Felonious Assault," "Felony Firearm," and "Domestic Violence."**



ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

Location

Hours of Operation

Telephone

2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, May 3, 2007
@ 3:00 P.M.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
1300 BEAUBIEN ST, SUITE 328-A
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

Police / Community Intervention

APRIL 26, 2007



Southwestern District

On April 21st, officers of the Southwestern District conducted a traffic stop in the area of St. Lawrence and McGraw. During the investigation, officers observed a weapon within the passenger compartment, which led to the arrest of the occupants for "Possession of Misdemeanor Dangerous Weapon," and "Assault & Battery of a Police Officer."

Central District

On April 19th, officers of the Central District responded to a "Larceny" in the 200 block of Jefferson. As a result of their investigation, a suspect was arrested and charged with "Eight (8) counts of Larceny in a Building."



Northwestern District

On April 18th, officers of the Northwestern District patrolling the area of Schoolcraft & Woodmont, observed a vehicle wanted for Armed Robbery. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and identified in a photo-line up by the victim. The subject was charged with "Robbery Armed," and "Felony Firearm."



Western District

On April 20th, officers assigned to the Western District responded to the 2000 block of Tuxedo on a "Person with a Weapon." Upon the officers arrival, the subject escaped on foot, but was arrested shortly after. The subject was charged with "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Armed Robbery," and "Habitual 3rd."



AC Dunlap stated the Wayne County Prosecutor's office issued warrants for several police officers today and a couple of them were Detroit Police Officers. The warrants that were issued today came as a result of an investigation by this department and was presented to the Prosecutor's office. Although officers are held to a higher standard, just like any citizen who is accused of a crime they are innocent until proven guilty. The alleged actions of the accused officers are not consistent with the hard work and actions of the 3,500 hundred members of this department. If the officers are found guilty of these acts, the department will proceed accordingly to make sure these types of individuals are not part of this great organization.

Chairperson Holley asked AC Dunlap does the department feel a little embarrassed when things like this happen.

AC Dunlap stated certainly, because of the pride of this department. It is just like the community. There are a small number of people that commit robberies, shootings and burglaries, but you never hear the good stories that the majority of citizens do and likewise in the police department. He introduced Insp. Moore of Narcotics.

Insp. Moore will be giving the presentation on Narcotics.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Comm. Ramirez asked why he personally attends the community meetings.

Insp. Moore stated to gather information from the citizens as to what is going on in that community, as it relates to narcotics.

Comm. Ramirez asked can you explain what a citizen should look for in their community.

Insp. Moore stated one important thing is traffic. It depends on where you live. If you live in a high rent district and no one in the house is going to work but continues to drive the high price vehicles, or if you live in a less influential community and there is an enormous amount of traffic going to and from that house, then there is a possibility that drugs are being sold.

Comm. Ramirez asked is there any other information such as a license plate number or address that they should pay attention to.

Insp. Moore stated they do like to have that information to gather a search warrant. They also would like to know if there are small children or dogs in the house because that will determine how they will enter the house. They also would like to know which door is being used because they sometimes send in an undercover officer. There is a set of questions that they routinely ask when someone calls the hotline.

Comm. Hampton stated it has been mentioned too often that once you close down a drug house it is up and running the next day.

Insp. Moore stated yes, that's why Narcotics Intensity Patrol Impact Team (NIP-IT) was formed under the direction of the Chief. It leaves us in those hot spot areas with the manpower that is required to keep them shut down.

Comm. Hampton asked was there any proceeds from this operation.

Insp. Moore stated yes, it's in one of the slides coming up but it was about a \$112,000.

Comm. Hampton asked is there any information on where the drugs are coming from.

Insp. Moore stated a lot of drugs are coming across the Canadian Border, Arizona and Texas area, as well as Los Angeles and Florida.

Comm. Ramirez stated if you secure a warrant for a two-family flat, is it illegal to search both of them.

Insp. Moore stated yes, if they have separate addresses. However there have been numerous two-family homes converted in the City that only has one address. By law if you have that address, you can go up and down.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

PROMOTION

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF RALPH L. GODBEE, JR. TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT CHIEF

MOTION: Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, May 3, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Chairperson Holley asked AC Dunlap when the Board will be updated on Central District's move to the Woodward and Grand Blvd.

AC Dunlap stated he will get that information for the Board.

Chairperson Holley asked is there a policy or procedure that deals with weight regarding a police officer. For example, when he looks at the Sheriffs' Department, all of their uniforms fit if they are heavy or small. The department uniforms are either too big or too small. Appearance has a lot to do with it. When he comes to the Board meetings, all of the officers look so good in them it makes him want to go and purchase one.

AC Dunlap stated there is a policy that governs and regulates uniform appearances; but other than the pre-employment screening there is no mandate for physical fitness.

B. Cane stated she wanted this Board to know about how the killing of her son and how his case was handled by the police department. She wanted some direction on how she may get her complaints heard. She previously filed three appeals and has received responses back stating that the officers' actions were within the department guideline. The file of her son's case was lost. The murderer of her son bragged about killing him before he got shot himself. She stated she was treated like dirt by a Detroit police officer.

Chairperson Holley stated he invited Ms. Cane, and that she is here on how the case was handled and not who killed her son.

AC Dunlap stated he will give Ms. Cane his number to schedule a sit down with him.

B. Cane stated she would appreciate that.

Chairperson Holley stated to AC Dunlap he would like for him to give this Board a report on his finding.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb